

And not only so but the Prince, hearing of the circumstances visited her that he might learn her story from her own lips, and on his return to England he sent her £100 as a souvenir of his visit. Her loyal heart was much gratified by these acts of kindness, and the Royal visit was no doubt one of the brightest events of her declining years. In November, 1867, she sank peacefully to rest at the advanced age of 93, and was buried in Drummondville churchyard.

Sleep, Laura Secord, resting well,
Serenely pillowed 'neath the grass ;
Tender and reverent be the steps
That by thy green grave pause and pass.
The while across the ages long,
Oh faint, oh far sweeps down a song,
From graves of heroes of our race,
From many an honored resting place:—
“Numbered with us on glory's roll,
Be this Canadian's dauntless soul.”
[*From a Ballad of the War of 1812, by Ellen Murray.*

ON THE STUDY OF ANCIENT MAPS, ILLUSTRATED BY FOUR OF THOSE OF THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE.

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Very few people have any idea of the great abundance of old maps that exist representing parts of Canada. I was once shown a map of New Brunswick dated about 1830, and told by its owner that it was the first map of that province ever made. I was able to tell him that there are over two hundred printed maps of earlier date showing the province or parts of it with some accuracy. From the very first discovery of America, the explorers made maps to show the results of their voyages, and the professional mapmakers of Europe were busy collecting and compiling their sketches into larger general maps. Thus the maps reflect with the greatest clearness the successive stages in the exploration of new countries, and it is a matter of the greatest interest